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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, UNGA, ID
SUBJECT: PRE-32ND UNGA CONSULTATIONS

1. DURING AUGUST 22 DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR WELLS AND
COUNSELOR PETREE ON RESUMED UNGA SESSION ON ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL MATTERS, INDONESIAN FOREIGN DEPARTMENT MULTILATERAL
ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIRECTOR TOMAN HUTAGALUNG SAID THAT
GOI IS STILL IN PROCESS OF WORKING OUT ITS POSITION ON
RESUMED SESSION. HE SAID GOI HAS RECEIVED SUMMARY OF THE
CIEC MEETING IN GENEVA FOR STUDY, AND WAS MOST INTERESTED
IN THE DECISION TO CREATE A COMMON FUND. HE SAID INDONESIA
HOPES FOR AGREEMENT AT 32ND UNGA ON ALL ISSUES TO BE NEGO-
TIATED, AND ON ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER NEGO-
TIATION WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM. AS TO OVERVIEW BODY,
HUTAGALUNG SAID GOI TAKES THE VIEW THAT THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY ITSELF SHOULD CONSTITUTE SUCH A REVIEWING
BODY, BUT WOULD GIVE THIS SUBJECT FURTHER STUDY. GOI
VIEWS ON POST CIEC FOLLOW-UP DO NOT SEEM TO BE CLEARLY
FORMULATED AS YET. GOI VIEWS SHOULD BECOME CLEARER
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FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS IN
NEAR FUTURE.

2. HUTAGALUNG STATED THAT INDONESIA WAS NOT A MEMBER
OF THE COMMITTEE STUDYING UN RESTRUCTURING AND THUS HAD
LITTLE INFORMATION ON THAT PROBLEM. ASKED FOR GOI RE-
ACTION TO A PROPOSAL FOR MORE FLEXIBLE AND CONTINUING

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF ECOSOC, HE NOTED THAT THE PROBLEM OF A SITE MIGHT ARISE IF MEETINGS WERE TO BE RELATIVELY CONTINUOUS. GENEVA HAD PROVED TO BE A DIFFICULT LOCATION. HUTAGALUNG OBSERVED THAT MANY COUNTRIES ARE WRESTLING WITH DILEMMA THAT IF NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS IS APPOINTED FROM A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, THIS MIGHT AFFECT THE CHOICE OF THE NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL FROM A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. HUTAGALUNG ADDED THAT WHILE INDONESIA IS NOT YET PREPARED TO COMMENT ON RESPECTIVE MERITS OF DIRECTOR GENERAL VIS-A-VIS A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, GOI IS COMMITTED TO G-77 POSITION IN SUPPORT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL.

3. AMBASSADOR WELLS OUTLINED CURRENT U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE POLICY AIMED AT HELPING POOREST LEVEL OF SOCIETY THROUGH BASIC HUMAN NEEDS APPROACH. SHE NOTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING DISAGREED WITH THIS APPROACH. HUTAGALUNG OBSERVED THAT SOMETIMES DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IS MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN NOT DIRECTED AT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS, WHICH HE SAID COULD BE PROVIDED FOR IN INDONESIA'S CASE FROM THE GOI'S OWN BUDGET. HE STATED THAT BASIC PROGRAMS IN THIS FIELD SUCH AS SCHOOLS AND TRANSMIGRATION PROJECTS REQUIRE TOO MUCH CAPITAL TO BE MET BY FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES. HE PARTICULARLY EXPRESSED GOI OBJECTION TO THE TERM "MASS POVERTY" USED IN UNDP RESOLUTIONS.

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4. DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS MOHAMMED SABIR COMMENTED TO AMBASSADOR WELLS THAT INDONESIA HAD A HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM WITH ITS POLITICAL DETAINEES AT THE MOMENT, BUT THE INDONESIAN PHILOSOPHY OF PANCASILA IS BASED ON GIVING HUMAN RIGHTS TO ALL CITIZENS. HE OBSERVED THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS WAS NOW PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND NEEDS. AMBASSADOR WELLS NOTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CERTAINLY INCLUDED THE CONCEPT OF ECONOMIC NEEDS, AND OUTLINED PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS STATED IN HIS MARCH SPEECH WHICH STRESSED THE OBLIGATION OF UN MEMBERS TO LIVE UP TO THE IDEALS OF THE UN CHARTER. SHE EXPRESSED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD ITS OWN PROBLEMS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD AND WE HAVE GAINED A FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF SUCH PROBLEMS FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCES. NOTING THAT OUR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS NOT A TEMPORARY POSITION, SHE STATED THAT THE U.S. WILL BE PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MONITORING GROUP ON THE SUBJECT OF TORTURE, IN THE HOPES THAT THE IDEALS OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS IN THIS

FIELD COULD BE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED.

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5. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTOR IMROD IDRIS COMMENTED THAT INDONESIA VIEWS HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SAME WAY AS THE US DOES, BUT THE USG SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE DIFFERENT CONDITIONS FOUND IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND NOT APPLY THE SAME STANDARDS IN THIS FIELD TO ALL NATIONS. HE SAID THE GOI HOPED THAT ANY MULTI-LATERAL APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS THROUGH THE UN WOULD NOT OVERLY COMPLICATE THE SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS. IDRIS ADDED THAT MANY COUNTRIES VIEW HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACHES AS INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AMBASSADOR WELLS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT INDONESIA AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD NOT WAIT TO SOLVE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS UNTIL THEIR DEVELOPMENT MATCHED US STANDARDS, AND OBSERVED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS MUST BE RESPECTED AT ALL LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT. SHE STRESSED THE NEED FOR SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THIS FIELD NOW. HUTAGALUNG AND IDRIS REMARKED THEY WOULD NOT BE PLEASED TO SEE A HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS APPOINTED AND DOUBTED THAT ANY FORM OF MULTI-MEMBERED COMMISSION WOULD BE WORKABLE. THEY WERE NON-CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMITTAL ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A MONITOR-
ING GROUP ON TORTURE.

6. DURING COURTESY CALL ON GENERAL PANGGABEAN, MINISTER
OF DEFENSE AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER IN VIEW OF ADAM
MALIK'S ATTENDANCE AT LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE,
AMBASSADOR WELLS AGAIN REFERRED TO HUMAN RIGHTS, NOTING
THAT WE WOULD BE EXPLORING NEW INITIATIVES AT FORTHCOM-
ING GA. GENERAL PANGGABEAN STRESSED THAT GOI COMMITTED
TO HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH PANCASILA, BUT AT SAME TIME MADE
ARGUMENTS THAT PARTICULAR LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT ININDO-
NESIA NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE HUMAN RIGHTS PRO-
GRAM CAN BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED.
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